

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

We here call the attention of all who write for the EVANGELIST to a few points.

1. Write only on one side, on alternate lines of white paper with coarse pen and black ink.

2. Never write any thing for publication and business matter on the same paper.

3. Follow the form which you see in the paper in the matter of heading or title, name and post office address.

4. In correspondence and postal reports select some suitable heading, and draw three lines under it. Then write your post office address and date, drawing *two* lines under the *address* only. At the close of your article write your name *very plain*. Remember those who set the type and read the proof may never have heard of your name and you will be surprised when you see what they make out of it. We want to improve the mechanical appearance of the paper, and hope you will help us by heeding the above suggestions.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bro. C. Rowland made us a most welcome call in Chicago last week.

Three things to cultivate—good books, good friends, and good humor.

The children, and all others who write for the paper should *always* place the date of mailing their article on it.

We examined the barley heads referred to by Bro. Holsinger elsewhere and find them in the advanced milk state.

The smallest drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which may make thousands, perhaps millions, think.

Eighty or more of Bro. Livengood's parishoners visited him last week and left the evidences of their appreciation of his spiritual ministrations in many comforts.

The rays of the sun may be so concentrated by an ice-lens as to kindle a fire without melting the lens; so God sometimes uses men to kindle the hearts of their fellows, while their own remain cold as marble!

We are very glad to welcome Eld. S. H. Love, of Double Bridge, Va., to our columns. We must beg his pardon for the delay in its publication. Our personal circumstances, elsewhere explained, are the cause. We hope it will be different hereafter.

J. F. Koontz, of New Enterprise, Pa., sent a list of twenty-eight subscribers last week; S. A. Smith, of Milledgeville, Ill., twenty-two; J. A. Miller, of Summit Mills, Pa., a list of seventeen, thirteen of whom

are new; Daniel Crofford, of Johnstown, Pa., sixteen; A. Hayes, of Johnstown, Pa., sixteen; John Lowman, of Roann, Ind., twenty-eight; Jacob Cassel, of Philadelphia, Pa., ordered twenty-three copies; J. G. Winey, of Lake Odessa, Mich., nineteen; Josiah Keim, of Louisville, Ohio, ten; M. Shively, Gratis, Ohio, fifteen; L. Hildebrand, Conemaugh, Pa., eleven; D. J. Miller, Lattasburg, Ohio, eleven; Eli Hoover, Waterloo, Iowa, seventeen; Lanark, Falls City, Carleton and Morrill each expect to sustain the high water mark reached last year, but have not yet forwarded list of names to us.

Our instruction to compositors is to follow copy in setting type even though it goes out the window. They almost did so last week in setting up the editor's instruction to us regarding the Annual, and even worse in trying to set Sister Slotter's name. The sudden avalanch of work left with us and a wrestle with La Grippe were too much to allow crooked things to be made straight.

We are now under fair way to master the situation, and will soon have things in line, and we assure patrons that the paper will come out regularly and in good shape. The Annual is now being printed and will be hurried forward as rapidly as circumstances will admit. Our editor is very sensitive to what may be regarded as faults, and is doing all he can to fill the expectations of subscribers. We are not easily touched by complaints, because eighteen years of experience has hardened us to them, and editors and publishers do not let one error go through to each hundred that their contributors make in writing articles for the paper. Then, too, you know the EVANGELIST has always been a work of sacrifice on some one and to make it carry itself, cheap labor must be employed, instead of following the rule of "the survival of the fittest"—keeping only the best.

The publishers of the EVANGELIST are making an honest endeavor to print the paper cheaper and make it better, and after the confusion of "printer's pie" and demoralization of moving is cleared away, your expectations will be met. G.

GOD HELPS MEN WHO WORK FOR HIM.

Only in this faith have great moral victories been won; and it is only in this faith that great moral victories ever will be won. God does not tempt men with impossible tasks. He does not baptize causes with the tears and blood of saints simply to stand by and see these causes lost. He does not send his servants into Red Seas, and then forsake them. He does not permit the men who are faithful to be plunged into fiery furnaces or lion's dens and then forget to care for them. He does not put

the dominating instinct of discovery into the soul of Columbus, and then let him voyage the unmapped waters of the Atlantic in vain. He does not place the sword in the clinched hand of Washington, and inspire him to lead his little patriot band of soldiers into battle for liberty and independence, and then suffer him to be overcome either by force or hunger. God helps men who aim to help truth and righteousness. If there are hindrances too great to be removed by the ordinary methods of men, he knows how to lift them out of the way with infinite ease. He knows how to make even the wrath of men to praise him. It is God's will that the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. It is God's will that intemperance and dishonesty, and licentiousness, and ignorance, and all sorts of misrule and vice be swept from the face of the earth, and that light and purity and goodness take their place. To work for this high end is to work for what God is pledged to help bring to pass.—Dr. F. A. Noble,—Reformed Church Messenger.

IMPORTANCE OF SMALL DEEDS.

I remember hearing of a person who was always trying to do some great thing for the Lord, and because he could not do a great thing he never did anything.

There are a great many who would be willing to do great things if they could come up and have their names heralded through the press. I heard of a man's dream in which he had imagined that when he died he was taken by the angels to a beautiful temple. After admiring it some time he discovered that one stone was missing. All finished but just one little stone left out. He said to the angel:

"Why is this stone left out?"

The angel replied, "That was left out for you, but you wanted to do great things, and so there was no room left for you."

He was startled and awoke, and resolved that he would become a worker of God; and that man always worked faithfully after that.—Moody.

The *Christian Evangelist* takes a very correct view of helping the poor, and we commend the thought to all.

"But the greatest boon that can be conferred upon the suffering poor, for the next few months is to furnish them work. Every person and firm that can possibly afford to do so, should continue their ordinary force even if it involves some loss. Our cities which are now raising large sums to relieve the present distress, through individual subscriptions of generous people, would do well to employ a large force of unemployed men, giving preference to those having families to support, to clean the streets or carry on some needed public improvements. The people who give this money to help the poor, would much prefer to have it used to give work to the unemployed, than to support them in enforced idleness."